Yale College, Monday evening August 5th, 1822

Affectionate friend,

It is now sometime since we last parted from which time, no mutual correspondence has been enjoyed between us, but the cause of it I hope cannot be imputed to the source, that our friendship, and affection are at all diminished I have waited for some time, with solicitous expectation, but in vain, to receive from you an answer to my last. and I must conclude that your letter has miscarryed, or that you must have a good excuse indeed for this long silence. That I have not written to you before this, notwithstanding your failure, I do not know that I have a sufficient apology, though I have once or twice been about writing you, and should have performed the rightful task, had not some particular subject required attention; besides being constantly in the expectation of receiving one from you the next mail which I might answer.

How pleasing is it to call to mind scenes which are past which the constant progress of time forbids ever to return but which must be recalled only as they are chronicled in the mind and preserved in pleasing remembrance. Thus also in the absence of a peculiar friend, how gratifying to repose in the memory former enjoyment in each others company, and satisfaction in each others society, and intercourse. Since I last saw you, how swift indeed have the days and weeks seemed to fly. And whither have those hours fled, which have constantly performed their revolutions and so increased until nine weeks have transpired truly I can scarcely realize it. But such is indeed its progress. how soon then must the short space allotted to man wear away, and his influence and destiny in life be past

I assure you time in College does not pass away less pleasently this term, than, it has formerly, and I believe generally the longer one continues here, the more do his attachments to it increase, and those bonds of friendships, which he is often forming with classmates and others, become more strong and inseperable. With pleasure do I anticipate the period, fast drawing near, when you and the others from F——— will join college, and here unite in the common enterprise of acquiring an education, thus to be prepared for the scenes of active life. Ever I trust, that if stimulated by a proper motive, which I do not at all doubt, will you find cause to rejoice that you commenced, and persevered.

Respecting the state of religion in New Haven I suppose you frequently hear. For a short time past I had learnt but little interesting, in the city, and it seemed that former coldness and stupidity had again returned, until last saturday evening, I attended the report meeting at the conference room (a meeting at which reports are communicated not only particularly from this city but also from distant town). It was rather more fully attended than usual, considerable feeling was manifested among christians and it was a very interesting meeting. In this, it was reported that there are quite a number in this city now under conviction of their sins, and who are trembling under the apprehension of the indignation of an offended God. But this I presume you was not all which conspired with other thing to render it solemn, a letter, lately recieved from Mr Nettleton, was read, containing some account of an extensive revival (I think) at Somers and an adjoining town, in which places he is labouring. Indeed what a day of wonders, when the Lord is thus pouring out his Spirit, and rejoicing the hearts of christians with the glad news of multitudes of repenting sinners. Wishing you prosperity and true happiness I subscribe myself yours.

F. F. Tillotson

If I do not receive a letter from you to day or if so I shall expect one from you by your next mail, I should like to hear of your progress in ——— your studies, and how far advanced

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